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SENATE BILL NO. 347

BY SENATOR BARROW

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Provides for the crime of "unlawful deepfake" to be added to the definition of power-based violence under the Campus Accountability and Safety Act. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3399.12(5), relative to the Campus Accountability and Safety Act; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3399.12(5) and 3399.16(A), (B), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3399.12. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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(5) "Power-based ~~violence~~ **conduct**" means any form of interpersonal violence intended to control**, coerce, harm, exploit** or intimidate another person **on the basis of sex** through the assertion of power **or authority** over the person and **which** shall include the following:

(a) Dating violence (R.S. 46:2151).

(b) "Deepfake" means any audio or visual media in an electronic format,

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including any motion picture film or video recording, that is created, altered, or digitally manipulated in a manner that would falsely appear to a reasonable observer to be an authentic record of the actual speech or conduct of the individual or that replaces an individual's likeness with another individual as depicted in the recording. "Deepfake" does not include any material that constitutes a work of political, public interest, or newsworthy value, including commentary, criticism, satire, or parody, or that includes content, context, or a clear disclosure visible throughout the duration of the recording that would cause a reasonable person to understand that the audio or visual media is not a record of a real event (R.S. 14:73.13).

~~(b)~~**(c)** Domestic abuse and family violence (R.S. 46:2121.1 and 2132). For the purposes of this Part, domestic abuse shall also include any act or threat to act that is intended to coerce, control, punish, intimidate, or exact revenge on the other party, for the purpose of preventing the victim from reporting to law enforcement or requesting medical assistance or emergency victim services, or for the purpose of depriving the victim of the means or ability to resist the abuse or escape the relationship.

~~(c)~~**(d)** Nonconsensual observation of another person's sexuality without the other person's consent, including voyeurism (R.S. 14:283.1), video voyeurism (R.S. 14:283), nonconsensual disclosure of a private image (R.S. 14:283.2), and peeping tom activities (R.S. 14:284).

~~(d)~~**(e)** Sexual assault (R.S. 14:41, 42 through 43.5, 89, 89.1, and 106).

~~(e)~~**(f)** "Sexual exploitation" which means an act attempted or committed by a person for sexual gratification, financial gain, or other advancement through the abuse of another person's sexuality including prostituting another person (R.S. 14:46.2 and 82 through 86).

~~(f)~~**(g)** "Sexual harassment" which means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, physical, or inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature when the conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's

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employment or education, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work or educational performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment and has no legitimate relationship to the subject matter of a course or academic research.

~~(g)~~**(h)** Stalking (R.S. 14:40.2) and cyberstalking (R.S. 14:40.3).

~~(h)~~**(i)** Unlawful communications (R.S. 14:285**(A)(1) and (4)**).

~~(i)~~**(j)** Unwelcome sexual or sex- or gender-based conduct that is objectively offensive, has a discriminatory intent, and lacks a bona fide academic purpose.

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§3399.16. Safety education; recognition and reporting of potential threats to safety

A. Not later than the beginning of the fall semester of ~~2022~~ **2026**, the administration of each institution~~, in consultation with campus or local law enforcement agencies,~~ shall ~~develop and~~ distribute**, not less than four times per academic year through in-person or online delivery or both,** information to students regarding power-based violence, campus safety, and internet and cell phone safety and online content that is a potential threat to school safety.

B. The information shall include the following:

(1) Instruction on ~~how to identify and~~ **the identification,** ~~prevent~~ **prevention, dangers, and prohibition of** power-based violence and how to detect potential threats to school safety exhibited online, including on any social media platform.

(2) How to report incidents of power-based violence, crimes on campus, violations of the student code of conduct, and possible threats to campus safety.

(3) Where to find reports regarding campus safety.

(4) The information required in this Subsection shall be updated in consultation with campus or local law enforcement.

C.**(1)** The information shall be distributed as part of new student orientation and shall be posted on an easily accessible page of each institution's website.

(2) If the student receiving the information required by Subsections B and C of this Section is a minor, the information shall also be provided to his

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parent or legal guardian.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law (17:3399.12) provides for the following definitions relative to the Campus Accountability and Safety Act: "Chancellor", "Confidential advisor", "Employee", "Institution", "Power-based violence", "Responsible employee", "System president", and "Title IX coordinator".

Proposed law retains present law but changes the definition of "power-based violence" to mean conduct intended to control, coerce, harm, exploit or intimidate another person on the basis of sex through the assertion of power or authority.

Proposed law adds "Deepfake" to the definition of "Power-based conduct".

Present law (17:3399.16) provides that the administration of each institution must distribute information to students regarding power-based violence, campus safety, internet and cell phone safety, and online content that is a potential threat to school safety.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that the administration must distribute information not less than four times per academic year; delivered in-person, online, or both.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3399.12(5) and 3399.16(A), (B), and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.

2. Changes name of definition from "power-based violence" to "power-based conduct".

3. Clarifies the definition of "power-based conduct" and "deepfake".

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4. Provides that information on power-based violence, campus safety, and identifying potential threats must be distributed not less than 4 times per academic year.

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